

Health Care Reform Legislation

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Covering Children	<p>The hawk-i Expansion Program is created to provide health insurance to children who are at or below 300% federal poverty level. The effective date for the hawk-i expansion program is July 1, 2009.</p> <p>Requires DHS, and other state agencies and stakeholders to develop a plan to maximize enrollment and retention of eligible children in Medicaid and <i>hawk-i</i>, including reviewing at a minimum the following strategies: streamlined enrollment, automatic renewal, automatic enrollment, and interagency agreements to implement. The plan is due by December 1, 2008.</p> <p>Establishes an Iowa Choice Health Care Coverage Advisory Council within the Comprehensive Health Insurance Association to develop a comprehensive health care coverage plan to cover all uninsured children. The plan is due December 15, 2008 and requires approval by the 2009 General Assembly. (Insurance Division)</p> <p>In addition the association will develop options to provide access to private, unsubsidized, affordable, qualified health care coverage to all children, adults, and families who are not otherwise eligible for health care coverage through public programs.</p>	<p>Covering Children: FY08-09 \$4.8M</p> <p>Contingent upon approval of plan to cover all children by 2009 General Assembly: FY09-10 \$14.8M FY10-11 \$24.8M</p>
Covering Adults	<p>As above. Iowa Comprehensive Health Care Association to make available unsubsidized affordable plans for adults.</p> <p>Requires the Insurance Commissioner to assist small employers (25 or fewer employees) with implementing and administering medical expense reimbursement and dependent care accounts. (IRS Section 125 accounts)</p> <p>Allows children up to 25 years of age on parents' insurance. Applies to group insurance for private and public employees.</p> <p>Prohibits insurance companies from excluding pre-existing conditions when moving from a group plan to an individual plan.</p> <p>Establishes a Voluntary Employer-sponsored health care coverage demonstration project for direct care workers.</p>	
Disability Coverage	Amends the Family Opportunity Act to allow the program to begin January 1, 2009.	\$250,000 (in SF 2425)
Medical Home	<p>Establishes a Medical Home Advisory Council to assist IDPH in developing a plan to implement a patient-centered medical home system starting with children in the Medical Assistance program.</p> <p>Medical Homes focus on prevention, wellness, and chronic care management that should lower costs and improve quality.</p>	\$165,600 to IDPH and 4 FTE's
Health	Establishes an Iowa Electronic Health Information Advisory	\$190,600 to IDPH

Information Technology	<p>Council and executive committee to promote use of electronic health information technology. (IDPH)</p> <p>The Council will make recommendations to the Iowa Board of Health to improve health care quality, increase patient safety, and reduce health care costs.</p> <p>Requires adoption of statewide health information technology plan by July 1, 2009, which should include a single patient identifier or alternative mechanism to share secure patient information and issues related to the content of electronic transmissions that health professionals shall use by July 1, 2010.</p>	<p>and 2 FTE's</p>
Prevention and Chronic Care Management	<p>Establishes Prevention and Chronic Care Management Advisory Council to develop a state initiative for chronic care management. Initial recommendations to be submitted to the Director of Public Health by July 1, 2009. (IDPH)</p> <p>Establishes a clinician's advisory panel to consult on the Medical Home and Prevention and Chronic Care initiatives. (IDPH)</p>	<p>\$190,500 to IDPH</p>
Long-Term Care Planning	<p>Development of end of life care decision making materials, adds long-term care options public education campaign, Home and Community-Based Services public education campaign. (DEA)</p> <p>Establishes a patient autonomy in health care decisions pilot project. (IDPH)</p>	<p>End of Life: \$10,000 to DEA</p> <p>Long-Term Care: \$75,000 to DEA</p>
Wellness	<p>Establishes Iowa Healthy Communities Initiative.</p> <p>Establishes Governor's Council on Physical Fitness</p> <p>Requires IDPH, in consultation with the Insurance Division and the Department of Revenue to develop a plan for small business tax credits for qualified wellness programs. Plan due to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 15, 2008.</p>	<p>Healthy Communities: \$900,000 to IDPH and 3 FTE's</p> <p>Governor's Council on Physical Fitness: \$112,100</p>
Health Care Strategic Planning	<p>Directs IDPH to develop a strategic plan for health care delivery and workforce, collect data, and make recommendations regarding health care delivery infrastructure and the health care workforce that assist in monitoring current needs, predicting future trends, and informing policy making.</p> <p>The plan is due to the Governor and General Assembly by January 1, 2010 and every two years thereafter.</p> <p>Directs the Insurance Commissioner to convene insurers and providers to discuss and make recommendations about health care delivery.</p>	<p>\$172,200 to IDPH and 3 FTE's</p> <p>\$80,000 to Insurance Division</p>
Consumer Information	<p>Creates a Health Care Quality and Cost Transparency workgroup to develop recommendations for legislation and policies regarding health care quality and cost including measures to be utilized in providing information to consumers.</p>	

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	<p>Establishes Medical Assistance Quality Improvement Council and health care transparency reporting requirements.</p> <p>Requires that each nonprofit hospital submit annually to IDPH and the Legislative Services Agency an IRS form 990, a schedule J, or other successor schedule that provides compensation information for certain officers, directors, trustees, and key employees, and highest compensated employees.</p>	
Direct Care Workers	<p>Establishes a Direct Care Worker Advisory Council to advise IDPH regarding regulation and certification of direct care workers, and develop recommendations regarding certification, education and training, standardization requirements for supervision and functions for each direct care worker.</p> <p>The Department of Human Services is required to convene an initial advisory committee to develop recommendations regarding wages, and other compensation paid to direct care workers in nursing facilities.</p>	